

IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY[265]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 17A.3(1)“b” and 16.5(1)“r,” the Iowa Finance Authority proposes to amend Chapter 12, “Low-Income Housing Tax Credits,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments replace the current qualified allocation plan for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program with two qualified allocation plans, one for 9 percent tax credits and another for 4 percent tax credits, both of which are to be incorporated by reference in rule 265—12.1(16).

The qualified allocation plans set forth the purposes of the plans, the administrative information required for participation, threshold criteria, selection criteria, postreservation requirements, the appeal process, and the compliance monitoring component. The plans also establish the fees for filing an application for low-income housing tax credits and for compliance monitoring. Copies of the qualified allocation plans are available upon request from the Authority and are available electronically on the Authority’s Web site at www.iowafinanceauthority.gov. It is the Authority’s intent to incorporate the qualified allocation plans by reference consistent with Iowa Code chapter 17A and 265—subrules 17.4(2) and 17.12(2).

The Authority does not intend to grant waivers under the provisions of any of these rules, other than as may be allowed under the Authority’s general rules concerning waivers. The qualified allocation plans are subject to state and federal requirements that cannot be waived. (See Internal Revenue Code Section 42 and Iowa Code section 16.52.)

The Authority will receive written comments on the proposed amendments and on the qualified allocation plans until 4:30 p.m. on September 9, 2014. Comments may be addressed to Dave Vaske, Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Manager, Iowa Finance Authority, 2015 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312. Comments may also be faxed to Dave Vaske at (515)725-4941 or e-mailed to dave.vaske@iowa.gov.

The Authority will hold a public hearing on September 9, 2014, to receive public comments on these amendments and on the proposed 2015 qualified allocation plans. The public hearing will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Authority’s offices, located at 2015 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

The Authority anticipates that it may make changes to the qualified allocation plans based on comments received from the public.

After analysis and review of this rule making, the impact on jobs is expected to be consistent with the impact of previous years’ QAPs. The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program has a substantial positive impact on job creation in Iowa with many jobs created annually in the construction, finance, and property management fields, among others.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 16.5(1)“r,” 16.52, 17A.12, and 17A.16 and IRC Section 42.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 265—12.1(16) as follows:

265—12.1(16) Qualified allocation plan plans. ~~The qualified allocation plan entitled Iowa Finance Authority Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program 2014 Qualified Allocation Plan shall be the qualified allocation plan for the allocation of 2014 low-income housing tax credits consistent with IRC Section 42 and the applicable Treasury regulations and Iowa Code section 16.52. The qualified~~

~~allocation plan is incorporated by reference pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.6 and 265—subrules 17.4(2) and 17.12(2). The qualified allocation plan does not include any amendments or editions created subsequent to October 2, 2013.~~

12.1(1) Four percent qualified allocation plan. The qualified allocation plan entitled Iowa Finance Authority Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program 4% Qualified Allocation Plan (“4% QAP”) shall be the qualified allocation plan for the allocation of 4 percent low-income housing tax credits consistent with IRC Section 42 and the applicable Treasury regulations and Iowa Code section 16.52. The 4% QAP is incorporated by reference pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.6 and 265—subrules 17.4(2) and 17.12(2). The 4% QAP does not include any amendments or editions created subsequent to July 9, 2014.

12.1(2) Nine percent qualified allocation plan. The qualified allocation plan entitled Iowa Finance Authority Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program 2015 Qualified Allocation Plan (“9% QAP”) shall be the qualified allocation plan for the allocation of 9 percent low-income housing tax credits consistent with IRC Section 42 and the applicable Treasury regulations and Iowa Code section 16.52. The 9% QAP is incorporated by reference pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.6 and 265—subrules 17.4(2) and 17.12(2). The 9% QAP does not include any amendments or editions created subsequent to July 9, 2014.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 265—12.2(16) as follows:

~~**265—12.2(16) Location of copies of the plan plans.** The qualified allocation plan can be reviewed and copied in its entirety on the authority’s Web site at <http://www.iowafinanceauthority.gov>. Copies of the qualified allocation plan, application, and all related attachments and exhibits shall be deposited with the administrative rules coordinator and at the state law library and shall be available on the authority’s Web site. The plan incorporates by reference IRC Section 42 and the regulations in effect as of October 2, 2013. Additionally, the plan incorporates by reference Iowa Code section 16.52. These documents are available from the state law library, and information about these statutes, regulations and rules is on the authority’s Web site.~~

12.2(1) 4% QAP. The 4% QAP can be reviewed and copied in its entirety on the authority’s Web site at <http://www.iowafinanceauthority.gov>. Copies of the 4% QAP, application, and all related attachments and exhibits shall be deposited with the administrative rules coordinator and at the state law library and shall be available on the authority’s Web site. The 4% QAP incorporates by reference IRC Section 42 and the regulations in effect as of July 9, 2014. Additionally, the 4% QAP incorporates by reference Iowa Code section 16.52. These documents are available from the state law library, and information about these statutes, regulations and rules is on the authority’s Web site.

12.2(2) 9% QAP. The 9% QAP can be reviewed and copied in its entirety on the authority’s Web site at <http://www.iowafinanceauthority.gov>. Copies of the 9% QAP, application, and all related attachments and exhibits shall be deposited with the administrative rules coordinator and at the state law library and shall be available on the authority’s Web site. The 9% QAP incorporates by reference IRC Section 42 and the regulations in effect as of July 9, 2014. Additionally, the 9% QAP incorporates by reference Iowa Code section 16.52. These documents are available from the state law library, and information about these statutes, regulations and rules is on the authority’s Web site.

ITEM 3. Rescind and reserve rules **265—12.3(16)** and **265—12.4(16)**.